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Lights glow, gas tanks empty

ERIN TENNANT

Staff Reporter

In their homes, some might only have noticed the kitchen lights briefly flickering on and off - but anyone who ventured outside over the past few days for essentials, such as fuel or a loaf of fresh bread, saw that even though Ontario's worst blackout in 38 years miraculously seemed to bypass Haliburton, we were far from escaping the heavy blow on commerce.

The county was still recovering some basic services yesterday - namely, ones that relied on supply deliveries from the city - after the power outage that began at 4:11 p.m. on Thursday and plunged much of the province into darkness.

Gas stations reopened their pumps with their replenished tanks, grocery stores once again had fresh produce and baked breads on their shelves - and spooked consumers calmed their Last Days-style purchasing spree, with formerly unprecedented queues settling to the normal weekday line-ups.

But yesterday was a far cry from Friday.

By far the worst strain was caused by the scramble for fuel. Gas stations throughout the county enjoyed booming pump

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DARREN LUM/Echo



Gas squeeze

An attendant at Stan's Shell in Haliburton pumps gasoline as people wait to fill their cans on Friday evening. After running out on the weekend because of heavy demand due to the blackout elsewhere, most stations received more supplies by Monday.

The heat is on for forest firefighters

Despite the rough conditions, MNR crew loves the challenge

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

You wake up at 5:30 a.m. By 6 you're riding a bus to the staging area. An hour later a helicopter drops you in the middle of nowhere. You spend the next 12 hours battling a 27,000 hectare forest fire. By 9 p.m. you're back at camp, in bed. Tomorrow you do it all again.

That's the gruelling routine forest firefighters from the Ministry of Natural Resources fire base in Haliburton have been following, fighting fires in both British Columbia and Alberta this summer.

The three-person crews go on 19-day rotations, spending 14 days on the front lines of the fire and several days training and

travelling to and from the fire area.

Veteran forest firefighter J.D. Bishop and crew members Erin Ferguson and Erin Dickinson returned from a stint in British Columbia last week. They were fighting a fire referred to as Chilko 214, about a nine-hour drive west of Kamloops. Although the area is not very populated a lakefront resort and cattle ranch were threatened.

Their daily routine was the one described earlier, although the first description left out the daily breakfast of eggs with ham, sausage and bacon plus some cereal and fruit. It left out the breathtaking scenery of the Rocky Mountains and the camaraderie that comes along with being a forest firefighter in that

situation. But it also left out sleeping in 10-person tents every night with mosquitoes.

The experience of these firefighters is a unique one. On the surface it sounds like back-breaking labour with few perks but when you talk to Bishop, Ferguson and Dickinson it's evident that they love their job.

In 20-person crews on the fire's flank, they worked to contain the fire, digging trenches and wetting down the hot, smoldering ground. Ontario crews are skilled at using water pumps and hoses to fight fires so Bishop's team did just that.

Ferguson and Dickinson describe the landscape along the fire's edge as a sea of ash, with black twigs protruding up from the ground, barren to say the

least.

Fighting forest fires is not a predictable business. There are numerous factors that affect the spread of fire, of course wind and rain, soil type and tree species to name a few.

"You do the best you can with what you've got on any given day," Bishop says. He adds that safety is always the number one priority for forest firefighters.

Despite the demanding routine the three firefighters say it's not as bad as it sounds because they're constantly moving around, working in different areas every day and meeting other firefighters from across North America.

You might be surprised to learn that Ferguson and Dickin-

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A tight fit

Lynn Johnston's house rolled to its new home near Barnum Lake on Sunday "as smooth as butter," says Shelley Buckley from the Buckley Group (company responsible for the move). Buckley says the move from County Road 121 (proposed Independent Grocer site) took about five and a half hours but they were only on the main roads for two hours. She explained the home was preceded and followed by both Bell and Hydro crews responsible for lifting/disconnecting then reconnecting wires as the house passed. The crews were gone by 12:30 and to Buckley's knowledge power was out for about an hour and a half for most customers. There was very little unpacking for Johnston to do since nearly everything was left in the house for the trip across town.

Alternative Christian band gives free show Aug. 30

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

THE YOUTH AT LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH have raised enough money to present a free concert by the alternative Christian rock band, One Cross. The concert's at Head Lake Park in Haliburton starting at 7:30 p.m. and if it rains it will be held at the church. To sample the band's music visit their website at www.onecross.net.

Unfortunately, just as the hot weather of summer returns, the popular Rotary beaches in Minden have been posted as being unsafe for swimming because of high bacterial levels in the water. The east river beach and the south river beach are both posted; however, all other beaches in the Highlands remain open.

Oops! We had the wrong time for the start of the blood donors clinic on August 25 at the Haliburton Legion. It starts at noon. Call 1-888-2-DONATE to book a time.

The Kawartha Piecemakers Village Quilters have got Log Cabin Fever, and they invite you to join them on September 6 and 7 when they put their quilts on display at the Kawartha Settlers Village in Bobcaygeon (under the water tower.) The show's 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Call 705-738-5730 for details.

Dressed in traditional lumberjack clothing, the Wakami Wailers offer an interpretation of the life of Canadian loggers at the turn of the century. Their original songs help listeners better understand the good times and bad times the early settlers went through. The performance is August 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Emily Provincial Park near Peterborough. Call 705-799-5170 for details.

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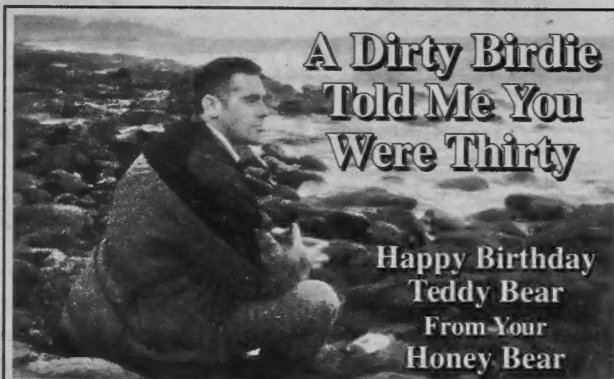
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Summer heats up on the ice at Haliburton Hockey Haven

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Bear makes a dent in cat food

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

John Beaudry took a break from roofing about 11:30 a.m. last Friday and decided to get a snack from the kitchen, unaware that someone else with the same idea was already there.

He turned from the counter when he heard a noise and realized his unexpected guest was a full-sized bear eating out of the cat food dish. Shocked, Beaudry did the only thing he could think of – yell at the bear, which ambled back out the door. He kept yelling until it went back to the trees.

"The bear left the house and went right to the apple tree and decimated it," says Beaudry.

He called a neighbour for help. The neighbour came over with a gun and took two warning shots at the bear before it decided to leave. Beaudry, who lives on the Lochlin Road near Ingoldsby, says his neighbour, who lives a few kilometres away, had not seen any bears recently and neither had he. Beaudry's never had a problem with a bear before even though his home is about four kilometres by road to the Lochlin dump.

Beaudry got over the surprise and went back to work on his roof. About two hours later he came back in the house for a break on his couch. A noise alerted him to the fact that the bear had come back. It was back in the kitchen finishing off the cat food.

This time Beaudry went upstairs and called the police.

He decided to get to the roof through the house and watch for the bear. He didn't see it leave and didn't know where it was when the police arrived. Two armed officers scouted around unsuccessfully. The animal had finished off the cat food and left without touching the two bags of garbage in the kitchen pantry or disturbing anything else in the house.

Beaudry says there was no damage to the house and after the bear's second visit he closed the wooden doors to his house and called *The Echo*.

"My heart's racing," were his first words to this reporter. "You hear stories of bears getting into houses but you don't believe it until it happens to you."

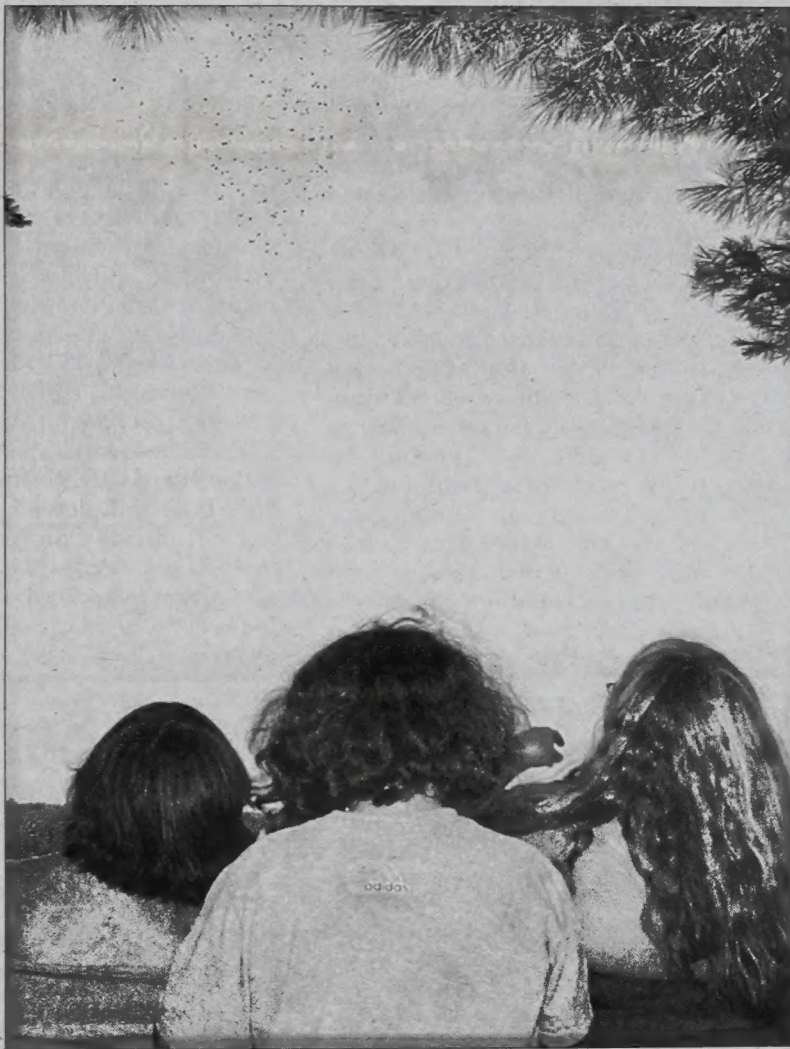
Beaudry says it was an extraordinary day. He encountered a beehive while roofing and then a bat flew in his face before he came back to the kitchen to discover the persistent bear.

He said his next call was going to be to the Ministry of Natural Resources since the bear was obviously completely unafraid of humans, guns, or the general noise he was making while working on the roof.



Up, up and away

Wilberforce Agricultural Society members stand together to launch the giant 20th anniversary balloon at the back of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost on Friday night, at top. Above a young girl jumps joyfully as she watches the balloons lift off to the sky while at right children ran to the edge of the water, watching 230 balloons float away. Names and addresses are written on tags attached to the balloon. The balloon found the farthest from Wilberforce will earn the finder, seller and sender each \$10. Details in Wilberforce news. Darren Lum photos



Delta Pinestone thanks volunteers with golf day

In what has become an annual tradition, Delta Pinestone Resort will once again this year be hosting a "Volunteer Day" on Monday, September 1:

In recognition of all the outstanding volunteer organizations in Haliburton County, the resort asks interested organizations to elect one team of four to a complimentary 9-hole game of golf with power cart (and clubs if required), followed by a barbecue buffet dinner. Team prizes will also be awarded.

"It's our small way of acknowledging those groups and individuals within our

community that truly make Haliburton such a warm and caring place to reside," said Scott de Savoye, general manager.

"There are numerous groups within the County that really go above and beyond the call of duty, offering up their free time to assist those in need. Quite often, these groups and individuals are very humble and in many cases anonymous in the work they do," added de Savoye.

The resort also invites members from the local constabulary (OPP) to send a team.

"Though technically not volunteers, the OPP and its members nevertheless extend their free time and are equally as active in worthwhile community events," said de Savoye. "They too should be recognized."

The golf and barbecue invitations are limited to one foursome per organization. Interested parties are asked to contact the resort's Director of Golf and Property, Harry Baker at (705) 457-1800 ext.4268 or via email hbaker@deltahotels.com.

People flock to Highlands in search of gas and food

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sales as gas bars in other parts of the province closed for lack of electricity to pump fuel. Drivers from all areas converged on local fuel depots with their jerry cans in tow, hoping to collect enough gas to survive an outage that – at least until Friday afternoon – gave no signs of ending soon. Queues up to 40 cars deep flowed onto adjoining roadways as station attendants struggled to meet the relentless demand. At times, tempers would flare in the 31° heat as drivers jostled for a hose pump.

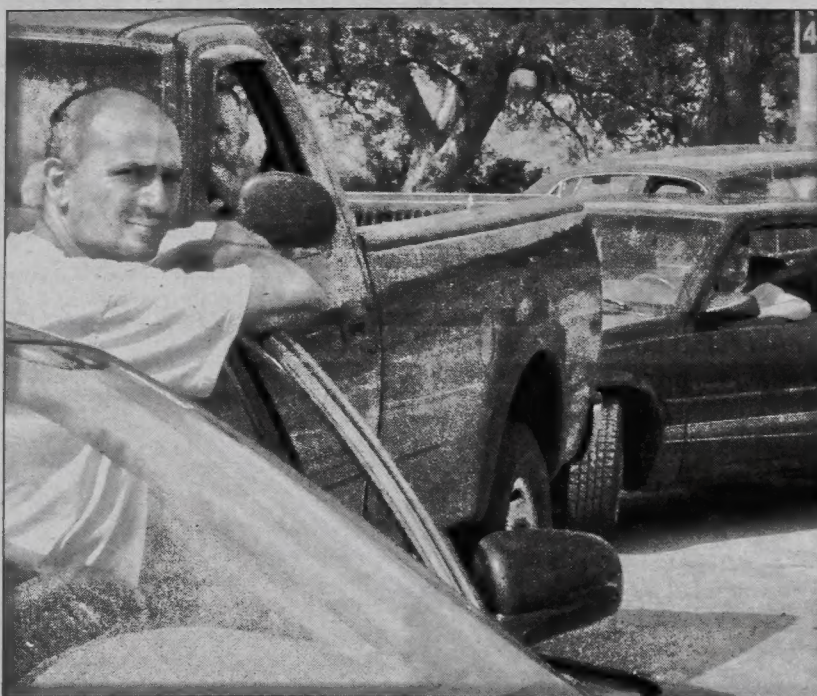
Curry Motors had sold 15,000 litres of Regular by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, with sales reaching as high as \$187 per customer, but by noon the following day the tanks were dry. One SUV driver, Scott Warne from Bracebridge, said he had come to Haliburton to avoid the 200-car line-up at his local gas station as well as to pick up a spare generator from his father's house. "All the meat at my house is spoiled since my freezer shut down," said Warne. "You do what you can to survive."

(Curry Motors reopened its pumps yesterday morning after deliveries from Toronto).

Roberts Marina survived the dash for gas until 2 p.m. on Friday, after rationing pumps at \$20 per customer. The marina's severe shortage in fuel, owing to a fuel delivery that failed to turn up on Friday morning, also handicapped boat rentals over the weekend because there wasn't enough gas to run the boats, said owner Joe Roberts. (The marina's gas pumps reopened on Sunday afternoon).

Shamrock Shell had spent its 10,000-litre fuel supply by 12:30 p.m. on Friday and wasn't expecting another load until late yesterday afternoon. Cottager Howie Mendozza, from Mississauga, was refueling his car Friday afternoon for the drive home after a one-week holiday. "Half of Mississauga has power back, so as long as I can get back I'll be fine," he said, although he made sure of filling his two 37-litre gas cans as a precaution.

Stan's on the Hill, which gets its fuel supply from Minden, managed to keep its pumps open throughout the power outage, save for a two-hour period on



Howie Mendozza of Mississauga waits patiently for his turn at Shamrock Shell so he can return home from his cottage.

Saturday morning. It sold 60,000 litres from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon.

Grocery stores were also severely taxed in the wake of Ontario's blackout, as an influx of cottagers sought to escape the city and lie low in electricity-equipped Haliburton.

Haliburton IGA owner Bob Park said the unexpected boom in sales over the weekend almost matched the turnover from the recent civic holiday weekend.

"It was a nice little boost to business," said Park. But the shelves were empty of a lot of fresh produce by Saturday because food distributors in Toronto were unable to make deliveries. Added Park: "We had bread companies that couldn't bake, distributors whose invoice systems were down... and suppliers which were unable to pick out fruit and vegetables with their warehouses in darkness." (IGA was restocked with fresh deliveries by Sunday night).

Power generators were also a hot item for people from surrounding counties. By Friday morning, Home Hardware had sold one 1000w generator (\$500) and two 4400w generators (\$950 each) – all of which were warehouse leftovers from the Y2K days of 2000. As well, Home Hardware sold about 50 five-gallon gasoline cans, while camping supplies such as lanterns were also in high demand, said owner Raymond Langdon.

Some local bankers have been less than happy, however. All withdrawals at Haliburton's CIBC, including from ATMs, have been shut down since Friday morning. At midday on Monday the bank opened for deposits only. "The server connecting us to Toronto has been down. It's a Bell Canada problem," said Lynda

Porter, adding that the communications provider had yet to give a date as to when the bank could reopen fully. Meanwhile, customers seeking withdrawals have been deferred to Minden CIBC.

But Haliburton's Bank of Montreal has remained fully open to customers, save for a 20-minute outage that downed its electronics on Thursday afternoon.

For emergency services, it has been mostly smooth sailing. Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan said communications were down from 4:30 p.m. Thursday to 10:00 a.m. Friday after the radio tower on Skyline Park failed to transmit any signals. But there were no fire calls during this time. He added that phones not powered by electricity – which a majority of households have – would still work in the event of a power failure.

Bob English, manager of the county's emergency services, said the blackout had resulted in no ambulance calls in the area, and that ambulances were well stocked with fuel reserves.

The OPP's Bob Walli said the Haliburton detachment was also unaffected, although emergency generators were standing by in case of a power failure.

However, there are still safety concerns when it comes to residents adjusting to blackouts. Ernie Hills, a community liaison with the province's emergency operations center, said that the biggest dangers usually involve residents attempting to light propane gas stoves inside the home to cook food. "Those propane stoves are for outdoors – they need ventilation," said Hills, adding that people succumbing to carbon monoxide poisoning during blackouts was not uncommon.

Why did Haliburton survive the blackout?

Haliburton was an island of resilience since Thursday afternoon as surrounding counties such as Peterborough and Muskoka suffered full power outages.

Aside from the planned Hydro One outage on Sunday morning from 6 a.m. to noon – which affect a limited area as local resident Lynn Johnston relocated her two-storey house past power lines on County Road 121 – the only power outage in the county was on Saturday morning between 3 and 3:20 a.m., probably the result of the province's rolling blackouts.

But Hydro One has yet to compile a listing on why certain communities like Haliburton were unaffected by the large-scale power outage, a spokesman told the Echo. A spokeswoman from the Independent Electricity Market Operator said that it was possible the power grid – which runs through the tall high-voltage steel towers in our county – somehow did not corrupt the low-voltage distribution system with which Hydro One feeds power into the community. "It's luck. Somehow energy got through," she said.

American electricity company FirstEnergy, which controlled the first three failed transmission lines in northern Ohio that set off the large-scale blackout, admitted that an alarm system that was supposed to alert controllers about the failures did not do so. But there is still no available answer to the more pressing question of how a failure in one place, no matter how big, could have spread to other regions, overwhelming mechanisms designed to halt such a spread.

The IEMO announced yesterday that Ontario's generators were expected to be able to supply 19,700 MW, just shy of the average 22,000 to 24,000 MW of consumption on a normal day. But the Ontario premier, Ernie Eves, has implored industry and residents to curb their use of electricity by 50 percent as the system returns to full capacity. Hydro One says it will continue rotating blackouts this week.



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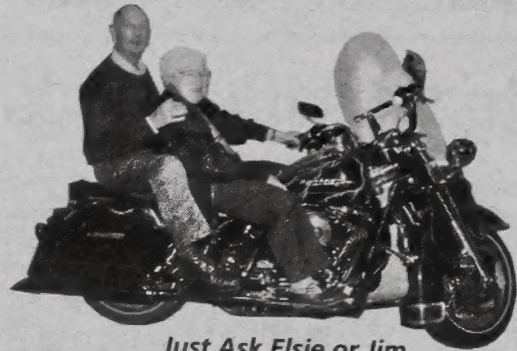
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Highlands East officially opposes asphalt plant

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Reeve Keith Tallman told the people who packed the Highlands East council chambers last week that he had heard their message loud and clear that they did not want council to support an application for the installation of an asphalt plant by K.J. Beamish Construction on behalf of Royel Paving Ltd.

Nora Pasley, an Irondale resident, was on the agenda as a delegate but didn't make the presentation after council passed a resolution to oppose any application from Royel Paving to install and/or operate an asphalt plant at the company's Bark Lake quarry on Crown land in Irondale. Clayton Ellis, a company consultant, was also on the agenda but he was not in attendance, nor were any other representatives from the company.

Deputy Reeve Chuck Viner has opposed the proposal for a plant since Ellis first introduced the idea. He is

pleased with the decision.

Beamish/Royel will now need to send an application to the Ministry of Natural Resources for a site plan amendment in order to proceed with installing an asphalt plant in the Bark Lake quarry. The company would have to attach council's opposition to the application. It is then up to the MNR to decide if the application will or will not be accepted.

In the course of the debate over the asphalt plant, Irondale residents have repeatedly informed councillors of their on-going problems with noise generated by the existing quarry. The residents informed councillors at a June 10 council meeting, and at the meeting in Gooderham last month, that Royel has been a very poor industrial neighbour by never informing residents of when they are going to blast, and by starting blasting as early as 6 a.m. A letter signed by six residents says they are suffering from unreasonable start and end times of blasting and crushing in the quarry so they are looking to the council to pass a

noise bylaw to control the problem.

Councilor Suzanne Partridge suggested that a noise bylaw was a reasonable request and they should look into how to draft an appropriate bylaw. Tallman agreed it would be a good tool to restrict company blasting times.

The discussion around the issue generated a question about how the quarry was approved in the first place. There is a letter from the former Township of Glamorgan dated November 24, 1999 signed by Glen Madill, then clerk-treasurer (currently deputy clerk of Highlands East). It says that Glamorgan Township has no comments in regard to the application (for the quarry) by Royel Paving.

Viner says he recalls sitting on council and seeing a letter from the MNR regarding the proposal for the quarry but he remembers it being marked as For Your Information, meaning it would require no action from the council. He

added that the other councillors of the former township have no recollection, or so they have told him, of ever seeing the letter. Madill says he does not recall the details surrounding it or who instructed him to write it.

"How it happened is quite a mystery," says Viner.

Partridge says they should ask the MNR for more details about the lease and if the MNR has any control over the noise levels. The councillors appeared to agree that they needed to further investigate a noise bylaw.

Councillor Gary Stoughton said companies usually have set times for drilling and blasting so they should be able to provide notice and work within certain times. However, he also said the council should not oppose all industry. "It seems as if, if you're not making a wicker basket it's not permissible industry."

Councillor Bill Howe was not present at the meeting.

Cranberry Lake man drowns while swimming

An accident has claimed the life of George Flint of Cranberry Lake.

The 81-year-old was last seen at 9 p.m. last Friday night. Police were told Flint had been planning on going for a swim before retiring to bed. He was reported missing on Saturday morning by neighbours.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to the Cranberry Lake residence just before noon Saturday. The Haliburton OPP Marine Unit conducted a search and located Flint's body in about seven feet of water near his home. The underwater search and recovery unit removed the body from the lake.



George Flint

The investigation by police and the coroners' office revealed the cause of death was due to accidental drowning. Staff Sergeant Bob Walli says there were no obvious injuries to indicate the cause of death.

After fleeing from Iran in 1979 while working for a British heavy equipment manufacturer, Flint moved to Cyprus where he lived on his sailboat for 10 years. A widower, when his son moved to Canada a few years ago, he followed, falling in love with his lakeside home.



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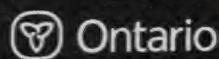
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SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

One voice full of frustration and pain spoke up out of an audience of about 150 people at the Northern Lights Pavilion to ask how to cope when a loved one is terminally ill and cannot communicate - it was perhaps the toughest question asked of a panel of local experts hosted by the Palliative And Bereavement Care Coalition of Haliburton County.

Several members of the audience offered anecdotes of how a patient who could not speak indicated to them through touch or breathing pattern changes or other slight physical reactions that they were indeed responsive. It was an interesting exchange in a phenomenal evening where people came out to discuss the most emotional issue of all - death.

The coalition sponsored Family Life Theatre to come to Haliburton to perform *The Covered Mirror*. The original script explored the issue of palliative care from all of its many facets. The story was about a man, Mr. Reynolds, who was dying and how he and his wife were struggling to cope with the reality. It was also about how the staff of the hospital, the doctor, nurse and social worker, struggled with their own emotional turmoil in trying to assist the couple. A subplot was that of a young woman who has been diagnosed with cancer and her interaction with the couple and staff.

Oddly enough the most sensitive role in the play is that of the janitor Bob played expertly by Michael Hennessy, the theatre group's artistic director. Bob is the listener and gentle emotional guide, the mirror in a way that reflects to the characters the reality of their behaviour and emotions.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

The cast of Family Life Theatre take a bow after their performance of the *Covered Mirror* at the Northern Lights Pavilion. The production was brought here by the Palliative and Bereavement Care Coalition of Haliburton.

"Feelings have no morality, they just are. Voices are often silenced by sorrow," Bob says.

Hennessy says Family Life Theatre specializes in 30-minute plays about social issues for all ages. After each performance a panel of speakers discusses with the audience the issue that was presented. In Haliburton, the panel consisted of Dr. Jaan Roos, a family physician in Minden, Bev Hunter, a social worker, Rev. Christopher Greaves of St. George's Anglican Church and Patti Anne Logue, coordinator of the Palliative Pain and Symptom Management Program.

Greaves' initial comments were directed to the theatre group as he praised the excellence of the script and performance. He described the character of Bob as being like the Holy Spirit, quietly moving about the people, working like a catalyst for their feelings.

The evening discussion revolved around several issues such as the role of touch in palliative care, when or if patients should be given a timeline for how long

they have to live and what services are available in the county for people. Anyone interested should call the Access Centre; no referrals are necessary to make the call.

The other interesting debate was around what palliative care really is and how to treat death. Hunter says palliative care is about providing a terminal patient with dignity and comfort. She described it as a philosophy and not a "curative treatment." Dr. Roos agreed and said that when he was in obstetrics he had a similar philosophy of providing dignity and comfort to mothers and easing their babies into life.

"We don't want babies born prematurely to prolong their life," says Dr. Roos, adding that now in his career he is easing patients out of life as comfortably as he can without prolonging the inevitable either.

"Nobody beats it. We all die," says Greaves. "Is it hopeless to die? Or do you embrace life, every day you get of it? We need to look at how we embrace it, celebrate it."

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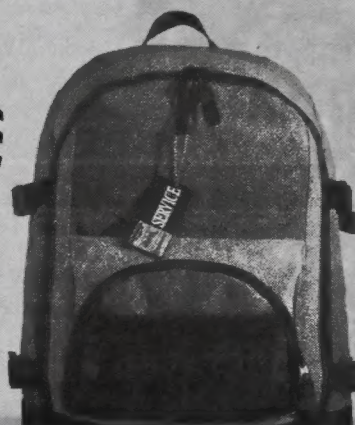
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Dysart et al council briefs

Assessment office whittles away at backlog

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the regular meeting of Dysart et al council on August 11.

Council received an update from Evan Brown, municipal relations representative for the Municipal Property and Assessment Corporation.

MPAC has received 346 requests for reconsideration for the 2003 tax year from Dysart property owners. In 2002 there were only 65, although it was not a reassessment year like 2003. In the last reassessment of 2001, MPAC received 160 requests for reconsideration.

Brown further broke those numbers down by suggesting this year's 346 requests represent 3.5 per cent of the properties in the municipality and out of the requests filed, 98 per cent of those have been settled. He made a special note of the 27 requests from managed forest properties, representing 13 per cent of the managed forest properties in Dysart.

Reeve Murray Fearrey says he is pleased to see in the report that the number of properties waiting to be assessed has fallen. Brown's report says the initial backlog of building permits has been reduced by 50 per cent. MPAC has reassessed a total of \$28.2 million worth of property assessments. The totals represent a 220 per cent increase over what Dysart received in 2002 and will increase even more before the end of the year.

Fearrey says there is another \$3 million worth of building that has happened this year that he hopes MPAC is also staying on top of.

Brown's letter dated August 6, says a team is being sent to Haliburton at the end of August or early September to complete the work needed to eliminate the rest of the backlog.

911 Names

Jerry Walker warned council that within a couple of weeks the 911 committee will be advertising in the newspapers the new final road names for Dysart and he expects a flood of calls from people unhappy with the names chosen.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis already had one concern. He noted that a group of people came to him and said the historical name for their road had been on one of the new road name maps but not the latest version. Davis wanted to know if there was a legitimate reason for the historic name being dropped or if perhaps a mistake had been made.

"We could spend four months on this. There are all the same arguments of 'There used to be a mill or a pit 'or So and so at the end of the road' was a pioneer.' Where do you draw the line [with name changes]?" he asked council.

Councillor Leon Jones suggested they draw the line now and not allow any further name changes. Fearrey said Algonquin Highlands has recently changed four road names and Highlands East changed 10 so he did not think, as Walker suggested, they would be inun-

dated with requests.

However, Fearrey also suggested that any requests for new names must be made in writing and agreed to by at least 75 per cent of the home owners on the road. In addition, he requested a hand-out be developed by the 911 committee outlining the lengthy public process the municipalities have already gone through in establishing the road names and the process that was followed.

Walker and council agreed they would not consider verbal requests.

Surveillance

The reeve has requested that Bob Walli, Minden Ontario Provincial Police detachment commander, meet with council to discuss the possibility of installing surveillance cameras in Head Lake Park and other areas of the municipality.

"We spend \$5,000 a year and sometimes more on stupid vandalism. We never know who these vandals are and need to do something."

Walker added that the situation seems to have become very bad. People are telling him they are afraid to walk through the park during the day because of the people there causing problems and that merchants won't put out flower pots because they keep getting knocked over.

Fearrey says they would also have to look into privacy issues since people have a right to know they are being watched.

Family Services

Family Services of Haliburton County

is requesting \$3,750 from each of the county's four municipalities in order to fund year-round recreational activities for children.

Family Services receives \$35,000 from National Child Benefit funds and \$35,000 from Clarica to hire the staff it takes to administer those dollars and create recreational programs. Family Services stretches the dollars by matching 90 children with their choice of a recreational activity for a season, and planning/delivering six weeks of summer day camp, plus a six week art adventure program.

Fearrey commented to council that he understood two other municipalities (Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands) have deferred the request to the county and he thought it would be prudent they do the same. He added the current council should not commit another council to the commitment. Council deferred the request to the county.

Information Caboose

Rita Baird filed a report from the Information Caboose in Head Lake Park. Her statistics show the total number of visitors was down in the month of May this year at 346 compared to 389 in 2000 but up from the 328 last year.

In June the opposite was true with 990 visitors this year, 1,036 last year and only 550 in 2000.

The total visitors for the two months spiked in 2001 and had declined since.

Another great midnight madness!

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Stop smiling

Let's admit it – when the power went out across most of Ontario, we were sitting pretty smugly here in the Highlands. Not only were our lights and computers on, but we didn't have to worry about toilets that couldn't flush or streetcars that stopped dead in their tracks. And after suffering through our fair share of power outages without anyone caring about our well-being, we smiled at those Torontonians who suddenly found themselves in the dark zone. Imagine – sitting outside on a warm summer's night discovering the stars and the names of your neighbours.

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editorial

— martha perkins

But as the magnitude of the power outage hit home, that tiny little smirk on our faces quickly evaporated. In many ways, it's much easier to cope with no electricity here. When we have no water to flush our toilets because the pump for our well needs electricity, most of us can go down to the lake with a bucket. There's even the odd outhouse here and there. We don't have public transportation so we don't rely on it. Barbecuing is a way of life.

A city's operations are much more complex and its needs are more closely intertwined. Thursday's power outage caused real hardships, especially for the elderly, disabled and poor. Sure it is nice to be told to take a long weekend, but what if you needed the hourly wage to make fragile ends meet?

While there are hundreds of stories of random acts of kindness – this writer's 51-year-old sister hitchhiked to work at the Hospital for Sick Children and got a ride as soon as her thumb went out – the outage also revealed how thin the veil of civility can be in our society. The gas shortage and traffic gridlock brought out the worst in some people and we're all lucky that the power wasn't out for longer.

Halfway around the world, there were apparently lots of people in Iraq smiling when they heard that the eastern seaboard of the United States was out of power. Now the Americans would get a taste of what their daily life has been like for the past few months with little or no electricity, no clean water, no work. What was billed as a major catastrophe in the States had become their way of life. Maybe now the Americans will have a bit more sympathy with their plight. At least they'll understand their anger and frustration.

There is no way in the Western world that we can or should go back to a time when we relied less on electricity. It's impossible and foolhardy. The call to reduce our consumption of power, however, is prudent and wise. We should all be doing that anyway, fear of rolling blackouts or not. Again, it doesn't mean freezing in the dark or sweating in the heat, but there are countless little ways that we can be less of a drain on our resources.

In some ways, Haliburton benefited from the power outage. On Friday and Saturday you would have thought it was a long weekend. Cottagers who had enough gas to get here decided to leave the mess in Toronto behind them and enjoy some real outdoors life by the lake. Gas sales drained the tanks and there was a run on everything from jerry cans to candles to generators. Let's count our blessings and not be smug about our good fortune. Whatever quirk saved us from the big blackout of 2003 was only doing us a favour if we learn from the hardships that others had to endure.



Reflections

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Backwoods Bistro

Our bear bait sites were doing just fine until that wily Pierre Le Beau moved into the area. While we were offering solid, home cooking in our bait barrels – dog kibble, molasses, chocolate syrup, deep fryer grease, old bread and expired Christmas cake – the old hunter was offering the local bruins a taste of French cuisine.

After three days without a hit, Slim and I knew desperate measures were required.

"How bout a free dessert of honey-glazed doughnuts with each visit to our bait barrels?" he suggested.

"No," I replied, "it'll never compete with Pierre's strawberry flan."

"Or his blueberry cheesecake," he added. "It's to die for."

"I know," I conceded. "I still feel bad about raiding his bait site last week, but who could resist?"

"Certainly not the local bear population," Slim added.

I nursed a bruise. Thankfully, I only had to fight a yearling bruin to get a second helping. All the other bears were lined up for his coq au vin.

Pierre's backwoods bait station was putting most of us local bear baiters out of business. And with only two weeks to go before the season opened, there was even talk of petitioning the Ministry of Natural Resources to outlaw his crepe suzettes. Using them was horribly unfair to the bears. Even his wine list was top notch.

"What we need to do," I said, "is something unheard of."

"We're going to do work around the house?" my buddy asked.

"No, sir. We're going to take cooking lessons."

And so it was that Slim and I, two serious bear hunters, stooped to a new low. Instead of practicing our archery, woodcraft, and tall tale telling, every spare moment was spent breaking eggs, beating meringue, perfecting our crusts. After all the kids were asleep, our TV time was spent watching cooking shows.

Of course, this was hard to keep secret from our

wives and there were several close calls. Once, after working long hours on a duck a l'orange, I arrived home late and my wife got suspicious. So I lied and told her that I was drinking so heavily at the local tavern that I wet my pants. I further explained that I had to wait until they dried before I could come home in a cab. Lucky she bought this explanation; otherwise, I might have faced untold embarrassment. The duck, if I might boast, was excellent.

Even Slim was getting the hang of cooking. Sure, poutine wasn't exactly the kind of French cuisine that these sophisticated bears had grown to love, but it was a far sight better than the dog kibble we were serving. And it worked well with Perrier.

The next week, Slim, I and several other local bear baiters gathered secretly for a taste test and to swap recipes.

"It's just about right," muttered Snaggletooth Mc Kusky, as he tried to get through a bite of my boeuf bourguignon. "Might I suggest a bit more ketchup to liven it up?"

"Yup, it ought to do just fine," I agreed, after taking his advice. After all, only a fool would have ignored culinary advice from Ol' Snaggletooth and his discerning palate.

By the end of the night we had an impressive buffet of home-cooked cuisine by some of the finest bear hunters in the County. The smells wafted out of the old garage and into the concession road prompting many skunks to waddle away in shame.

"Now what?" asked Slim, with scrunched up nose.

"Easy, we pay a visit to the bait site," I answered. "But all of our barrels are still full."

"Yes, but Pierre's probably need refilling," I winked.

The Frenchman quit baiting shortly afterwards. Apparently, after his clientele got a taste of our cuisine, they thought the place was under new management. And, like Ol' Snaggletooth, they just couldn't sink their teeth into that.

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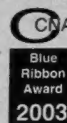
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Small town treasures

GEORGE LOOKED UP FROM HIS WEEDING and was stunned by what he saw. Above the trees across the street, the sky was pulsating with hot pink clouds. He had been so intent on his seek and destroy mission amongst the flowers that he had lost track of time and now here it was, sunset. Knowing the sky would not stay this way for long, he stood there, arm dangling with a handful of green varmint, and gazed in wonder.

When George first moved into town, he wondered how the adjustment would be. Used to space and bush, the image of paved streets and houses on small lots was something he had approached with trepidation. He need not have worried. While living in town was not at all like living by a lake in the bush, there were similarities. Like the sunsets. There were also unexpected qualities he had started to treasure. Neighbours, for instance. George did not know most of the neighbours' names and he doubted they knew his. But they acknowledged each other when on foot or in vehicle. From a fleeting, raised finger on the steering wheel, to a chat in the middle of the sidewalk, George smiled and returned in kind. It was mainly through these encounters that George felt included in the life of the town.



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He had had total strangers pull over and ask him questions about his flower beds. Unknown children had come to his door selling cookies and making connections between George and his in-laws scattered throughout the county. He quickly learned to never say anything bad about anyone. It was too risky.

Living in such a small place, a village really, George tried to walk whenever possible. It was a smart move because it enabled him to slow down and observe. He saw when a 'for sale' sign went up, when it came down and who moved in. He soon noticed who the exercise enthusiasts were, who spent time playing outside with their children and dogs and who took pride in their homes.

In addition, George came to know the locations he might expect to see a deer in the early morning, the half hidden paths that led him down to the river or through a stand of pine trees. He discovered the roadside flowers that changed with the seasons together with the spring runoff streams that dried into bull-rushes and ferns full of frogs and then crickets. It was a pleasant surprise to learn he could hear loons while sitting in his backyard or look upward to watch a blue heron float by or a hawk spin about on the upper currents. He didn't have to walk far to find raspberries. Apple trees dotted the streets almost as plentifully as hound dogs.

In the winter, there were outdoor rinks and cross country ski tracks literally at peoples' back doors. And in the summer, there were tourists. Seeing tourists in town was a different experience from seeing them at the lake. While some people were able to distinguish a summer resident from a passing-through traveller, George doubted he would ever master that knack. To him they all looked like fish out of water. Dressed for the cottage, all that skin and rumpled garb seemed incongruous to air-conditioned check-out lines and fine dining. But that was where they ended up most of the time, when they weren't standing in small herds licking the ubiquitous ice cream cones.

Sometimes George found himself looking at them waiting to cross the street or sitting on a park bench and wondered what they thought of the people who lived here all year round. Although it may seem a sleepy little village at first glance, George felt an irrational urge to shout out all the fine features of this place where he lived. But then if he did that, maybe more of these visitors would decide to stay. And that would change everything for George.

This was a sobering thought. A large influx of new people would alter the personality of the place, of that George was certain. Then another thought struck him. He had been a new person only a few short years ago. Adjustments had been made. George wanted to think he contributed to the fabric of his home place, that his flower beds were enjoyed by more than himself and he kept his birdfeeder well stocked. So maybe, he decided, tossing the weeds into a plastic can, maybe he ought to just enjoy the way things are and watch how the future unfolds.

Something like watching the sky for sunsets.



pic of the past

This beautiful young canoeist was Myra Mason, granddaughter of 'Boskung's Patriarch', Thomas Mason. Myra never married, and she lived for many years on the Mason farm with her brother, Wilfred, who also remained single until his later years. Eventually Wilfred met and married a lady named June. Photo and information courtesy of Carol Moffat and the Stanhope Heritage Museum

letters to the editor

Asphalt plant should be rejected

The following letter was first sent to Highlands East council.

Dear Highlands East Council Members:

We are writing to voice our concern with the proposal by Beamish Construction Company to build an asphalt plant at Bark Lake in Irondale. We attended the meeting held on Saturday, July 26 at the Gooderham Community Centre. We were very disappointed about the structure of the meeting, whereby Beamish Construction was allowed to speak for over an hour with two professionals representing their interests. The municipality did not have any staff present to provide residents with an overview of the issues and the policies and process (local and provincial) that would address the concerns that a proposal such as an asphalt plant would raise. Instead, we heard from three local volunteers who obviously worked very long and

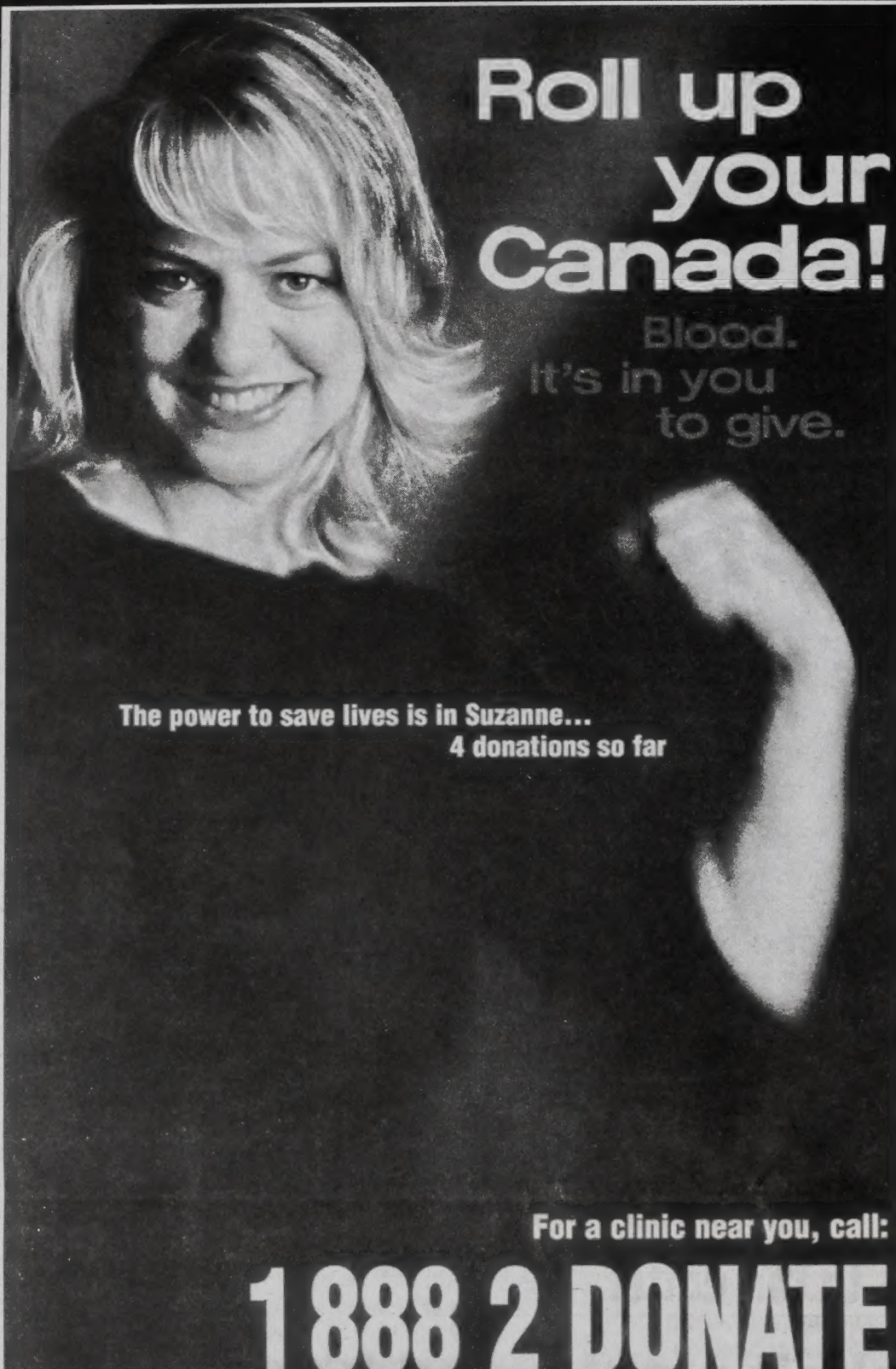
hard to pull together as many facts and information as they could, given the limited time they had. While we are very thankful to our fellow residents, we respectfully request that Council ensure that in future we (the residents) have professional advice on how to respond to the Beamish Asphalt Plant proposal. If this requires the retention of external professionals, we feel that the stakes are high enough for our community to warrant the appropriate expenditures.

We request that the Highlands East Council vote against the Beamish Asphalt Plant proposal in Irondale. We have numerous concerns with the proposal and will highlight a few. The first concern is that while Beamish has referred to the plant as "portable", at the meeting they stated a number of times that it will be permanent. In fact the vast majority of their existing plants are over 20 years in operation. They also noted that this would be the

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first site that they would not own. It was not clear if this was the reason or rationale for their identification of the plant as portable. They made it very clear that they view this as a permanent facility that (if they obtain Provincial government approval) would operate as they would any of their other operations. It was and continues to be unclear as to whether there are varying provincial approval processes for a portable versus a permanent facility. When Council hopefully votes against the asphalt plant, you should note in your communication to the Provincial officials that the intention of Beamish is to establish a permanent plant.

We must then ask ourselves, do we want to have a permanent asphalt plant adjacent to Bark Lake, which is an environmental leadership center for youth? Do we want a permanent asphalt plant in a County whose main focus is and should continue to be on preserving and improving the natural environment? The economic livelihood of this community is eco-tourism. This direction is complementary to a number of other eco-friendly businesses, most notably the artistic community, the draw for retirees and the year round sporting and outdoors businesses. We need to foster this direction not veer off in another direction that will end up compromising not only the businesses that are trying to develop but also and most importantly the environment.

Beamish noted that the sites that they currently operate are located on busy highways. Their representative sug-

gested that perhaps the 503 would become busier over time and that additional construction type businesses would be drawn to the area. This in our view is not a positive outcome. The 503 is not and hopefully will never become like highways 11 or 400. If Beamish has a location criteria for busier highways then their application for the site at Bark Lake should be turned down – we do not want more trucks and a higher commercial use of the highway. The examples of plants that Beamish currently operate are clearly adjacent to much larger towns and/or cities. Irondale and Gooderham are very small in size and the surrounding area is clearly a rural/natural type setting, with many cottages and an outdoor education centre. Our sense is that Beamish is clearly trying to pick a location whereby they feel they can out-manuever and/or overwhelm the local residents' opposition. It should be quite clear from this letter that we will not let this happen. However, we do expect more from Council to ensure that our interests are covered.

Beamish noted that they have not yet made their application to MOE and MNR, yet identified that they did not expect to encounter any environmental problems. We were provided with no information as to the potential air issues (air plumes, air patterns, etc.) nor were we provided with any information on other environmental matters, including: water (consumption and pollution), noise pollution, impact on local flora and fauna etc. Beamish stated that environmental information would be provided to MOE and MNR. We need to see these reports and be

properly informed.

Costs to the municipality should also be assessed. When the question was posed to the fire chief as to whether or not there was sufficient staff in place to respond to an emergency, the chief was unable to respond. It would appear that there may well be future costs for "servicing" an asphalt plant. Costs that could include: fire support; road upgrades (as more truck traffic would be generated); local staff addressing resident complaints (noise etc.). Local residents would pay for these costs, as it is unclear given that Beamish is renting the land (for a rock bargain price of \$456/annum from a senior level of government) if they would pay local taxes?

While we have many more issues that are important to us, we are confident that Council will vote against this proposal. However, we are very concerned that, given the recent failure of Beamish to locate a plant outside of Carnarvon, they will really push the Provincial Government for approval of the Irondale plant. We are counting on the Highlands East Council to not only vote against the proposal but to continue to actively monitor it to ensure that the community's interests are properly represented. We are also counting on the Provincial Government to support the local residents and to turn down the Beamish application.

Ed and Ann-Marie Merchand
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County already has industry it needs most

To the Editor:

From former "seasonal residents" (cottagers), now "permanent", to the reeves of the Townships of this beautiful county who are striving to attract "industry" into our midst:

You already have the only industry you really need (refer to Echo, July 22 and 29, and Times/Echo Extra, Aug. 8).

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Art and Enid Wall,
Haliburton

Access Centre does a fine job

To the Editor:

This is the first time I have ever written a letter to a newspaper. But life circumstances have allowed me time to be reflective, immensely grateful and wanting to share my good fortune.

At the end of June, I had hip replacement surgery in Peterborough. A week later, I arrived back at our summer home on Drag Lake. Besides the loving care of my husband, I received superb attention from the local Access Centre.

I cannot say how impressed I am with the Access Centre. (And with a doctor's order, its help is covered by OHIP) I am feeling great, but selfishly regret that my association with these very professional ladies is coming to an end, and they are leaving me to tend to others still recovering and in greater need.

Hats off to the Access Centre! Ladies and gentlemen of Haliburton, you are in good hands...

Shiela Jewson, Haliburton



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Firefighting's thrilling

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son are both female 20-something university students. This is their summer job. Ferguson is from Sudbury and Dickinson grew up in Kirkland Lake. In their 20-person crew in British Columbia there were only two other women. Both say that wasn't a problem.

"Once you start working, they realize you can do it and it's fine. They know instantly we're capable," Ferguson says.

Bishop agrees. He says the guys on the fire line were happy to see the female firefighters.

Both of the young women say they were attracted to the job out of a love for the outdoors. Ferguson adds that she likes the travelling involved with forest firefighting, as well as meeting new people. "You never know where you'll end up," she says.

Bishop says he gets a sense of accomplishment from his work when it means saving somebody's home. And, simply put, it's an exciting job.

One of the people Bishop and his crew were working to help in B.C. was a cattle rancher. Already hit hard by the Mad Cow crisis, the man feared he would lose all his hay to the fire, leaving him with nothing to feed his cows. But thanks to the efforts of the forest firefighters, his fields are safe.

Bishop thinks he'll probably be sent back to B.C. or Alberta shortly.

ANDY LLOYD/Echo



MNR firefighters Erin Ferguson, J.D. Bishop and Erin Dickinson just returned from a 20-day rotation in B.C.

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Sunset over Head Lake

Head Lake Park was picture perfect last Tuesday night when the setting sun left a brilliant reminder of its splendour.

Strategic plan update

The people have their say about county's future

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

As part of its strategic plan update process, Haliburton County held the second of two public consultations to solicit input from the community in Wilberforce last Thursday. The update will revamp the county's original strategic plan, created in 1997.

There were more than 30 people at the meeting. Along with local business owners and concerned citizens there were representatives from organizations and community groups at the update session. Nearly all of Algonquin Highlands council made the trip and Reeve Murray Fearrey represented Dysart et al. Absent were representatives from Highlands East council and Minden Hills council.

The consultation was divided into five workshops, each focusing on a key topic including economic development and diversification, communications, services and social fabric, environment and recreation. Delegates at the meeting broke up into five groups to discuss each of the main themes. They talked about goals and objectives for the county with respect to the strategic plan and brainstormed possible projects to help achieve them.

The recreation workshop group focused on how to ensure everyone, regardless of age or ability, has access to recreation. They identified gaps in recreational opportunities for certain groups of people and emphasized the need to cultivate

year-round recreation, not just in the summer months.

At the economic development and diversification table the discussion centred around the need to create an accurate and up-to-date economic profile of the county. The information could be used to lure businesses, residents and tourists to the area as well as create a viable marketing plan for the county. In some cases, data collected in 1992 is the most recent available.

In the social services and social fabric sphere delegates decided a community report card on health and social inclusion would be a beneficial way to measure progress in this area. They also talked about how to improve the transportation infrastructure in the county, battling around the idea of a transit bus, public or private, for people who can't get around themselves.

The environment workshop decided education is the key to good stewardship. They focused on how to maintain the natural environment in Haliburton County for the next five to 10 years. And the delegates agreed it's important to keep environmental issues on the table, in the public's eye.

This was the second of two public consultations for the strategic plan update. Dr. Christopher Bryant, the session's facilitator, will now compile the information collected last Thursday and a draft of the updated plan should go before county council in October.

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County Fair goes country



It was a trimmed down fair (there were no events on Sunday) but it was just as much fun for the people who gathered at the Minden fairgrounds on Sunday. Clockwise from top left: Jenny Chatterton, on Solo Dry Sanita, and Annie Orr, on Cruzin for Looks, compete in the "Steady Hands" horse competition during the second day of the fair. Orr won the competition by not spilling as much water while riding her horse with one hand. Chatterton finished second. A young rider clears a hurdle during show jumping. Sheep try to look their best for spectators and judges. Competitors in the miniature horse show make their rounds. Minden resident Brooke Hamilton, 12, with her young friend from Norland, Katie Crober, 7, pet a friendly pony at the Haliburton County Farmers Association stables.

Highlands East says tax comparison not fair

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the regular council meeting of Highlands East.

Clerk-treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig said she was disappointed by a story in the *Haliburton County Echo* on July 29, that compared property taxes per \$100,000 of assessment in Haliburton County and the surrounding areas. She says it was not fair that Highlands East rates were listed as higher than other municipalities when the numbers were not "comparing apples to apples."

She says the municipalities have significantly different assessment bases, which affect taxes. Dysart et al for example has very little Crown land whereas almost half of the former Monmouth in Highlands East is Crown land, meaning the municipality cannot collect the same amount of taxes as if it was private land.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge added it also makes a difference that Highlands East does not have the same density of residents so they have the same costs for maintaining two kilometers of road for two residents while another municipality may have five or more residences on the same amount of road.

"People don't understand how little we get out of a tax dollar," said Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner.

Fire department

Don Middleton, fire chief, reported that training is continuing at no cost thanks to a federal program. The biggest issue remaining is communications. He is investigating the cost of installing a radio tower in a central location such as Vinegar or Tory Hill.

Middleton said the current system requires all of their emergency communication systems to be located outside of the municipality and a county-wide system is not coming in well in parts of Highlands East. He added that frequencies are being shared and the plan is to go to all one frequency - Cardiff's. It's owned by the municipality so privacy is ensured.

The issue is critical, he says, when a group of firemen are standing in a fire hall and a call comes through yet only one of their pagers is tripped.

Dark Lake Road

Councillor Suzanne Partridge has won approval from council to look into the cost of purchasing flowers and a bench to help turn the closed portion of Dark Lake Road into a park/walking trail.

She says shrubs are needed to prevent erosion and signs should be posted to inform people the area is meant for public use.

Monmouth Councillor Gary Stoughton says his constituents are not happy with the situation and he thinks the closure of the road will become more controversial in the fall and winter when council has to decide if it

should be plowed. Partridge says walking trails are not plowed in the Cardiff town site so she didn't see why Dark Lake Road should be.

Stoughton insisted that in the 14 years he had been on council closing the road was "the craziest decision we've ever made."

Nuisance Bears

A new "nuisance bear policy" is being adopted. The policy is meant to protect the safety of municipal employees and members of the public, particularly at landfill sites.

Employees will have the power to temporarily close the sites to the public if bears are close or there's a mother bear with cubs. The landfill attendant will inform the public of the presence of bears before the people enter the site. The attendant will also be responsible for monitoring if people are getting too close to bears or deliberately annoying them.

An additional section says staff will advise and/or prevent the public from feeding, videotaping, or taking pictures of the bear at the landfills. Should someone disobey the direction from the attendant the municipality can go through several steps leading to calling the OPP.

If a bear demonstrates aggressive behaviour, creating an "unsafe situation", staff can contact the OPP and the environmental supervisor. Only Ministry of Natural Resources staff may shoot a bear according to the policy and only if the landfill is closed, the gates are locked and a backhoe with a qualified municipal employee is on hand to remove and bury the carcass.

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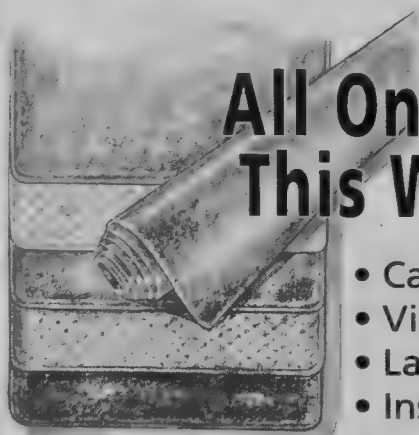
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DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

With the sun shining outside parents are inside wearing shorts and T-shirts as they watch their children improve their hockey skills at the Dysart et al arena. Summertime hockey is a 20-year tradition for Haliburton Hockey Haven.

The school's head instructor Brad Cormier believes in providing the basics through enjoyable activities.

His team of staff includes former professionals and semi-professional hockey players such as NHL prospect Cory Stillman who will attend the Columbus Blue Jackets training camp this autumn and John Johnson Jr. who had a seven-year career in Europe. They are ensuring that the participants of various ages gain the most from the summertime experience.

"With the youngest we teach the basic skills: skating, puck handling, and balance," Cormier said. He adds lessons are learned using fun activities such as touch tag games, and obstacle course-type activities. The fun aspect helps young hockey players learn better, he says.

With the older students, nine- to-11-year-olds, proper techniques in skating, puck handling and the team play are emphasized. The attitude of each individual and how he or she works with the team is important to the school and to the game.



Despite the drills and exercises "they all still have a lot of fun," he said.

Lastly, the oldest groups, 12 and up, learn through "OHL drills and flow drills with the puck," which are game drills at full speed.

Eleven-year-old Jason Stevenson, who has never attended a summer hockey camp before, cannot stop raving about the school.

"It's really great. It's fun," Stevenson said. He thinks his overall game has improved just because of the skating.

Aspiring to be the best hockey player he can be, 10-year-old Cash Cormier is also benefiting from his first year at Hockey Haven. He said the school has helped improve his skating by teaching him "proper crossover technique" and "starts and stops."

It was a highlight for the young centre to meet former NHLer Jeff Beukaboom.

Hockey Haven is a summertime program dedicated to teaching hockey fun-

Above: Haliburton Hockey Haven Head Instructor Brad Cormier explains a drill to students in the morning at Dysart et al Arena in Haliburton.

Right: Haliburton Hockey Haven's Head Instructor watches a student do a pass and receive drill.

damentals and improving the hockey sense in young hockey players through various drills and exercises.

It is considered to be one of the oldest off-season programs of its kind in the province, head instructor Cormier said. The program is for hockey players six and older for both boys and girls. Normally the students are no older than 16. This year the school started on Aug. 11 and will run until the end of the month.

Cormier says the school expects to have taught 500-600 students by the end of this year.



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Healthy competition heats up

The winners of the Health for Life challenge for week #12 were:

- 1) Jon Petrie (Patient News Publishing)
- 2) Dianne Smith (Countrywide Realty)
- 3) Stacey Bunn (Emmerson Lumber)

The leading businesses have kept ahead throughout most of the competition. Several businesses, however have been very close behind. Here are the top three in each category after 12 weeks...

- Group A**
- 1) Patient News Publishing
 - 2) Haliburton Family Medical
 - 3) MNR-Fire (MNR-Minden very close behind!)
- Group B**
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- Group C**
- 1) Employment Resource Centre
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 - 3) Dr. Hindman's Office

Great job!! Keep it up....only two weeks left!! :)



Kennisis Lake Rock Bass

On July 5 Kennisis Lake held its annual Rock Bass Tournament where there was 241.5 lb. of fish caught for the day's event.

Left: (l-r) Zachary Neely and Jessica Neely accept trophies from Keith Rodd in the 12-year-old and under category. The combined total was 22.5 lb.

Below: (l-r) In the 13-year-old and older category Paul Jones and Jason Jones caught 39 lb. of rock bass. They accept their trophies from association president Mike Hartin.



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It was a good news bad news year at the Stormy Lake Rock Bass Derby on Monday, Aug 4.

The bad news was a rainy wet weekend leading to a small number of participants and a reduced total harvest.

Now the good news. In 1998, the first year, 100 Rock Bass weighed in at over 20 lbs. This year 100 Rock Bass weighed in at 15 to 16 lbs. This is a good reduction in the size of the individuals harvested.

There are also reports from around the lake that Small Mouth Bass (sport fish), Perch and Sunfish (acceptable food chain fish) are increasing in size and numbers.

Although Small mouth Bass are still not 'table sized'

derby organizers were suitably impressed with the apparent return of the sport fish!

Participating in the Rock Bass derby is good for all cottagers and all

ages! A lake that has more sport fish in its biomass is more entertaining to all anglers, be they owners, children or guests.

Prizes were provided by Major League Baseball and National Hockey League All Star game participants. Prizes of fishing tackle were purchased with road association and individual donations.

Special thanks to Outdoor Plus Bait and Tackle of Haliburton for gift certificates.

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Thanks go to more than 30 participants and the additional 30 friends and family members who attended the weigh in. See you next year! See more pictures go to stormylake.ca.

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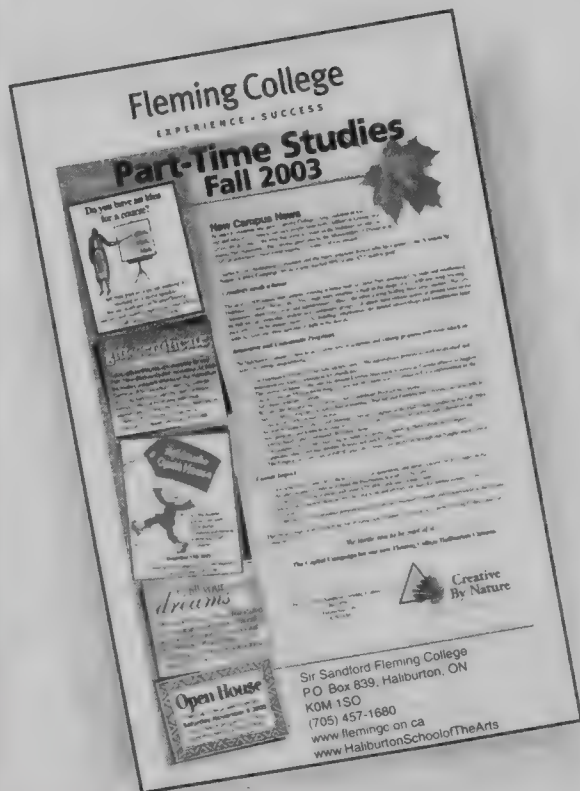
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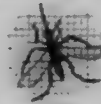
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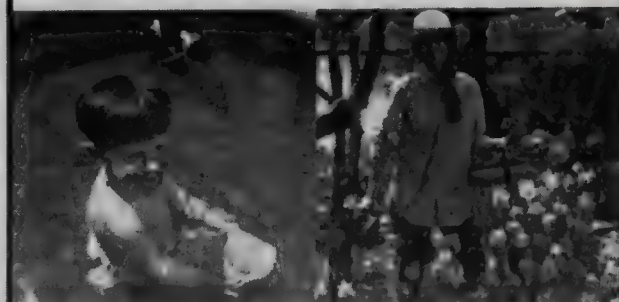
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This membership card shows that Leslie Burk was one of the first active members of Haliburton's Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion

Legion Br. 129 to mark 75th anniversary

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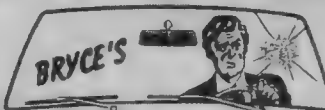
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Fresh corn was a highlight of the anniversary celebration at Wilberforce's Outpost

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A fine crowd of people celebrated the eleventh anniversary of the Outpost Museum in Wilberforce on Friday, August 15, with a corn and wiener roast. There's nothing like corn cooked in the old iron pot of boiling water over a roaring fire.

Wilberforce Heritage Guild members served up delicious anniversary cake and coffee as well as the corn and hot dogs. Everyone mingled, discussing how fortunate that the local area had not lost electric power in the big blackout that started Thursday, August 14 about 4:15 p.m.

It was a special moment when Ken and Nadeen Sanderson pulled the cords and all the colourful balloons lifted off and

drifted eastward over Dark Lake and the hills. This was the Agricultural Fair's Giant Balloon Lift that had to be rescheduled when it was rained out at the Fair last week. The W.H. Guild was delighted to have the event at the annual corn roast. Rebecca Bekima was the lucky prize winner in the signature ball contest.

Thanks to all who came to the "party" and to all who worked to make it fun and successful. The Outpost Museum is open daily 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Labour Day Saturday and by appointment thereafter.

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Essonville Church gets more loving care

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took place at the historic Christ Church Essonville on Sunday, August 17. Guest speaker was Ann Watson, the theme of whose message was "Memories". Elsie Lewis again wrought good music from the historic pump organ and all joined in the hymns. There was a choir and Ann McGuigan Dupuis rendered a lovely solo.

It is wonderful to see the continued improvements the Committee for the Essonville Church have made. The roof has been painted and the new rail fence has been installed. It looks great.

The Rev. Ruth Knapp McKee was the guest preacher at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Sunday, August 17. Ruth, retired school principal, now an ordained minister, was pleased to be back in Wilberforce and at St. Margaret's. It was a special service in that the Rev. Knapp McKee officiated at the Baptism of her grandson Ross Lawr. Ross is the son of Carol and Jim Lawr.

Attending the wedding of her grandson Christopher Kellar to Jamie Beck in Wasaga Beach on Saturday, August 16 was Marion Clark. Also among those attending this lovely wedding and reception from Wilberforce were Joan Clark

and Hilda Clark, great aunts of the groom. Chris has family and friends in the Wilberforce and Bancroft area. They wish him and Jamie all the best in their wedded life.

Congratulations are in order for Teralyn Stamp of Mississauga, granddaughter of Arnold and Shirley Stamp of Tory Hill and Marion Clark of Wilberforce. Teralyn graduated with a Masters Degree in Education from Niagara Falls, New York University last spring. She is also a graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo Ontario.

Though always a top-notch student Teralyn was forced to go, along with hundreds of other Canadians, to the U.S.A. to get her education degree. In the last two years there were unfortunately no places for them at Ontario universities. Now qualified to teach in the U.S.A., and having passed all the Ontario tests, Teralyn has accepted a position with the Peel Board of Education, at a school in Brampton. Yeah! Another teacher in the family.

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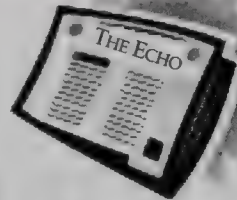
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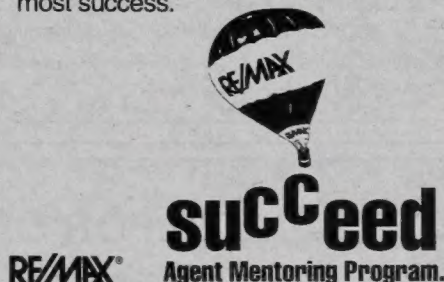
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Thurs. Sept. 4th, 4-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 6th, 11-1:00 p.m.
4:20-4:40 Hip Hop 10+
4:50-5:10 Jazz 5-8 yrs.

5:10-5:30 Predance/Kinderym 3-4 yrs.

5:40-6:00 Jazz/Acro 7+ yrs.
11:20-11:40 Predance/Kinderym 3-4 yrs.

11:50-12:10 Jazz 5-8 yrs.
12:10-12:30 Jazz/Acro 7+ yrs.
12:40-1:00 Hip Hop 10+ yrs

Minden Studio
(Physical Journey's fitness)
Sat. Sept. 6th, 2-4 p.m.

2:10-2:30 Predance/Kinderym 3 yrs.
2:40-3:00 Jazz 5-8 yrs.
3:00-3:20 Jazz/Acro 7+ yrs.
3:40-4:00 Hip Hop 10+ yrs.

Register in person or mail in!
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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

FIELD NATURALISTS
Annual General Meeting
& Pot Luck Lunch

Saturday, August 23, 2003
at 1:00 at Snowdon Park
Bring a chair, plate, cutlery and beverage.

Walk the Brenda Ann Chambers Trail following the meeting.

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HERITAGE BALLET

Fall Registration

Wed. noon - 2 P.M.

Thurs. 4 - 6 P.M.

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Tues. Sept. 9

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Haliburton Unit

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Sat. August 23

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BBQ 5 to 7 p.m.

Games of Chance, draw for prizes

Rock-n' Roll all night \$5.00

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Sat. Aug. 23

"Rabid Dogs" Band

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Sat. Aug. 30

Tribute band

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Saturday, August 23

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Saturday, August 23

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE

Sat. Aug. 23rd at 9 a.m.

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South on County Rd. #1

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Furniture, freezer, washer & dryer,

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YARD SALE

Saturday, August 23

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340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

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Sat., Aug. 23 - 10 a.m.

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380 BIRTHS

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**DANIEL THOMAS
&
RYAN HARCOURT**

weighing in at 4 pounds, 13 ounces and 4 pounds, 10 ounces respectively. Proud grandparents are Donna and Gary MacDonald, Tom and Mary Kaichis and Johnston and Adela Bailey. Excited great grandparents are Leola Pacey, Merrill and Peggy Bailey and Dafne Temelkos.

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The Highlands East Arts & Crafts Tour Group thanks its partners, sponsors and other supporters for a very successful inaugural Tour on August 9th & 10th. So many favourable comments have been received from those who took the Tour and results for the Artists was rewarding, both in sales and in appreciation of their work. Winner of the Tour Prize, placemats and tea cozy donated by Ev Saxby, is Gladys Harris, Harcourt Park. Visit us again on August 14th and 15th, 2004. CA

THE LOON LAKE COTTAGE ASSOCIATION REGATTA - would like to thank the following merchants for their generous donations, Haliburton Rent All, The Highlands Coffee Cafe' (Minden), The Pump Shop, Home Hardware, Valu Mart, IGA (Haliburton), Sharpley Sports, Curry Motors, Country Pickin's, Emmerson Lumber, Loon Lake Weavers, Haliburton Lumber, Koshlong Marina, V & S Store, Perfect Prints, Kodak, Stan Shell Station, Honey Bucket, Village Donuts & Cafe' Subway, Outdoors Plus, Country Rose, Woody's Highland Restaurant, Cranberry Cottage, Aberfoyle Water, Rexall Drug Store, Mingles, Black Rock Equipment Co.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BRYANT, ALBERT - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away Aug. 14, 1994. Thinking of things you said and done The little jokes your sense of humor. The smile that used to be. Till we meet again.
Daughter Sheila, grandchildren and families.

BRYANT, ALBERT - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away on Aug. 14, 1994. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure. Loving you always. Forgetting you never. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your **daughter Shirley, Granddaughter Andrea and twin grandsons Brandon and Bryan.**

McPHAIL, RONALD WILLIAM - In Loving Memory of our darling, precious son, Ronald William McPhail, who went to be with Jesus August 20, 1981. Ron-Ron, you wandered off to the sunny sky years ago, You climbed nevermore to the arms bereft years ago, We joy to think that the Father's care will hold you safe, Till we meet you there by and by. Sadly missed and fondly remembered by **Mom and Dad, Faye and David McPhail.**

WOOD, JERRY - August 20, 2001. In loving memory of a dear father and grampa. Your smile has gone forever And your hand we cannot touch We have so many memories Of you Dad, we loved so much. Always in our hearts **Craig, Barb, Kristen and Adam.**

WOOD, JERRY - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away Aug. 20, 2001. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day, No longer in our life to share, But in our hearts he's always there. Greatly missed by **Barb and Family.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST DAN SWINSON

Passed away suddenly at work on
**Tuesday, August 12, 2003
in his 56th year.**

Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Bateman) of Kinmount. Dear father of Lynne and her husband Owen Callaghan of Kinmount, Joanne Swinson and Tom George of Lindsay, Daniel "Boone" Swinson of Kinmount and predeceased by his infant son Daniel William Swinson. Loving grandfather of Greg "Henry", Amanda, Corey, Lucas and Nicole. Beloved son of Nora and the late William Swinson. Dear brother of Sharon (the late Bill) Brown, Bob (Georgina) Swinson, Dean (Pam) Swinson, Gwen (Charlie) Martin, Glenda (Bobby) Swanton, Julie (Bill) Houghton, Murray (Alice) Swinson, and brother-in-law of John (Shirley) Bateman, Bill (Gail) Bateman, Marg (the late James) Bateman and predeceased by his sister-in-law Elaine Bateman. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Friday, August 15, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment at the Kinmount Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441, Kinmount. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. CA

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**AT REST
LORNE CURTIS VENTRESS**
Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital on
**Tuesday, August 12, 2003
at the age of 80.**

Dear brother of Tom and Chris and predeceased by sister Muriel Scott. A private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden. CA

CINDY WALKER - In loving memory of Cindy Walker (Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario). At her residence on Friday afternoon, August 8, 2003 in her 42nd year. Beloved daughter of Calvin (Cal) and Gerd Walker. Beloved companion of Robert (Bob) Chambers. Loving mother of Jennifer (Chris Simpson) of Brampton and Mike of Bowmanville. Dear sister of Dave Walker of West Guilford and Ken Walker of Richmond Hill. Lovingly remembered by her nieces Charlene and Crystal. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457-9209 on Mon. afternoon, Aug. 11, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Services in the Chapel on Tues., morning, Aug. 12, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow at the West Guilford Community Centre. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Epilepsy Foundation would be appreciated by the family. CA

DONALDSON, WARREN DOUGLAS - In loving memory of Warren Douglas Donaldson, (1958-2003). Warren Douglas Donaldson of Calgary passed away peacefully at the High River Hospital, High River, AB. on Tuesday, August 12, 2003 in his 46th year. Warren was the loving father of Travis, and dear son of Marion, brother of Christina, Jerry (Cathy), and Stephen (Christine). He will be lovingly remembered by his nephews, Jason and Jeffrey and niece Angela and his aunt Lois. Warren was predeceased by his father Larry, brother-in-law Dennis, and uncle Doug. A private family funeral service will be held in Haliburton, Ont. In lieu of flowers, the family have asked, if friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to your nearest animal shelter, or may be directed through the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #118, P.O. Box 721, Haliburton, Ontario. 457-9209. CA

FLINT, GEORGE - In loving memory of George Flint, (Resident of West Guilford, Ontario). At his residence on Saturday afternoon, August 16, 2003 in his 81st year. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude (Colly) Colpitts. Loving father of Colin (Helen) of Toronto. Fondly remembered by his granddaughters Catherine & Hannah. Dear brother of Joan (Mrs. Ted Gay) of Liverpool, England. Friends may call at St. George's Anglican Church, Mountain St. Haliburton on Thursday afternoon, August 21, 2003 from 1 o'clock until time of funeral service at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Leslie Frost Centre, Dorset would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 CA

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FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND COMRADES

You are invited to join us in a
**Celebration of the Life of
ALLIN SLOANE COOPER
(1924 - 2003)**
on **Saturday, August 23, 2003
from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
at the Minden Legion Br. 636
(Hwy. 35 & Hwy. 121)
Given by
Jayne, John, Jean & Families
There will be a short service by
Padre Tim Sharpe
Eulogy by Mike Kitchman
and then a light luncheon
We hope you will celebrate with us!

MAUGHAN, VIOLET (nee Smith) - In loving memory of Violet Maughan (nee Smith), Resident of Haliburton, Ontario. Surrounded by her family on Saturday afternoon, August 16, 2003 in her 69th year. Beloved wife of the late John Maughan and companion of the late Murray Harvie. Loving mother of Leonard Maughan (June) of Oakwood, Sharon (Wayne Berry) of Yellowknife, Miles (Marina) of Haliburton, Nancy (Mac Gadway) of Harcourt & Susan (Lou Trepanier) of West Guilford. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren John, Jeanett, Jason (Karrie), Melisa, Reuben, Morgan & Barclay. Dear sister of Wes Sisson of Minden, Les (Arthella), Gerald (Diana, John, Carl (Leona), Ron (Vera) and Betty Sawyer all of Haliburton. Predeceased by sisters Shirley, Doris and brothers Ray & Cecil. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and the Maughan family. Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday morning, August 20, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) Haliburton site would be appreciated by the family. CA

PETERS, EUNICE - In loving memory of Eunice Peters, (nee Baumhour). At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday evening, August 17, 2003 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late Clement "Clem" Peters (2002). Loving mother of Denise (Mrs. Glen Wodzack) of Palmer Rapids. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Charlotte, Adam, Miranda and Sarah. Dear sister of Hilda McKay and Myrna Lewis. Predeceased by her grandson Willie and her brothers Josh and Wes. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are private. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. CA

UNGER, LOUISE EVELYN - In loving memory of Louise Evelyn Unger. (Resident of Glamorgan Township, Ontario). At the residence on Thursday, August 14, 2003 in her 52nd year. Beloved wife of Brian Thom. Loving mother of Angela King and the late Danielle Soderquist. Fondly remembered by her grandson Tyler King. Dear sister of Sandi Unger, Iris & Ramon Cline. Predeceased by her parents Merv & Alice Unger. Also lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews Brendan & Meagan, Tyson, Devon & Landon. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Dawson Creek, B.C. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family and may be made directly by cheque through the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. CA

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- Aug. 18-22: Lakeside Baptist Church invites children to Dive into God's Love at SCUBA - a Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure! The SCUBA program provides fun, memorable, Bible-learning activities for kids' aged 4 to 12. Each day, kids will sing songs, play team-building adventure and create awesome crafts to enjoy all summer long. Began Mon. Aug. 18th to Friday, Aug. 22. Divers meet at Lakeside Baptist Church on Park St. in Haliburton each day at 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. For info or to register, call 457-2851 Tues. to Fri. between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 19: Do you have a child starting school in September? You and your child can learn about bus safety and go for a ride on a school bus! "First Rider Program" Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. Presented by Laidlaw Educational Services and Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden. Please call to sign-up, 286-1770.
- Aug. 20: Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at Kei's in Haliburton, Lunch begins at noon. If you are a senior or physically disabled adult and would like to meet new people, call Ida to make your reservations for lunch. 457-2941.
- Aug. 20: A Red Hat Happening - 12 noon at The Stone House, (corner of Pine Ave. and George St.). Catered luncheon by Franka's Delectables, if you did not pre-register at July event please call 457-9595 or 457-1781 by August 12th. There will be a Dis-Organization Meeting following lunch, with an update of future plans for the Red Hats of Haliburton County.
- Aug. 20 & 27: Highland Storm Hockey Registration. Wed., Aug., 6-8 p.m., Haliburton Arena. - Aug. 27, 6-8 p.m. S. G. Nesbitt Arena.
- Aug. 22: Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals for lunch at MartinWood Fine Dining in Harcourt. To make your reservations, call Ida at 457-2941.
- Aug. 23: Mountain Lake Annual General meeting at Twin Lakes Resort Aug. 23, coffee 9:30 a.m., meeting 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Aug. 25: Donor Clinic - Haliburton Legion Hall #129, Mountain Street. August 25th, December 22nd, 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Haliburton Highlands SS, County Road & Hwy. 121, October 21st. Hours to be determined.
- Aug. 27: Haliburton County Home Support - the Lion King trip on August 27 is now completely sold out.
- Aug. 28: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Minden, Thurs. Aug. 28, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hyland Crest. Topic: Communication. Please contact Janet Bottum, in Haliburton 457-8335.
- Aug. 30: Free!! One Cross Concert. August 30, 7:30 p.m. Head Lake Park, Haliburton.
- Sept. 17: Beginner Tai Chi starts Wednesday, Sept. 17, 12 - 1 p.m. Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden. Call Ginny at 489-2996 to register.

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